

What is claimed is:

1. A garment panel comprising:

A. an upper air impervious panel having two opposing side edges, a top edge extending between first ends of said side edges, and a bottom edge extending between second ends of said side edges;

B. a lower air impervious panel having two opposing side edges, a top edge extending between first ends of said side edges, and a bottom edge extending between second ends of said side edges;

C. an air permeable vent panel extending along a vent axis, and having a top edge and a bottom edge opposite thereto on either side of said vent axis, said top edge of said vent panel being continuously joined with said bottom edge of said upper panel, and said bottom edge of said vent panel being continuously joined with said top edge of said lower panel;

D. an air impervious underlay panel underlying and spanning said vent panel, and having peripheral edges affixed to said vent panel, and

wherein said underlay panel includes a slit extending in the general direction of said vent axis, said slit having a selectively operable closure assembly extending therealong.

2. A garment panel according to claim 1, wherein said closure assembly is a hook and loop fastener.

3. A garment panel according to claim 1, wherein said closure assembly is a zipper.

4. A garment panel according to claim 3, wherein said zipper includes multiple zip heads.

5. A garment panel according to claim 4, wherein said zipper includes a pair of oppositely directed, facing zip heads.

6. A garment panel according to claim 4, wherein said zipper includes a pair of oppositely directed, non-facing zip heads.

7. A garment panel according to claim 4, wherein said zipper includes two pairs of oppositely directed, facing zip heads.

8. A garment panel according to claim 4, wherein said zipper includes two pairs of oppositely directed, non-facing zip heads.